

In the Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 27, wherein the public web server is further configured to provide each of the managed parties with a modification means for generating the modification data;

wherein the receiving means further receives the modification data entered via the modification means by the managed parties;

3. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 27, wherein the transfer of the schedule to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to the modification being completed.

4. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 27, wherein the public web server is further configured to provide each of the managed parties with a progress input means;

wherein the receiving means further receives progress data entered via the progress input means by the managed parties;

wherein the internal server is further configured to:

receive the progress data from the public web server;

record the received progress data in the schedule stored in the
schedule table; and

transfer the schedule in which the progress data is recorded to the
common schedule table.

5. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 4,
wherein the transfer of the schedule to the common schedule table is automatically
activated in response to the progress data being recorded.

6. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 27,
wherein the public web server is connected to the managed parties through the
Internet;

wherein the public web server is further configured to provide each of the
managed parties with a page for inquiring the schedule stored in the common
schedule table through the Internet.

7. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 2,
wherein the public web server is connected to the managed parties through the
Internet;

wherein the modification means include a page for entering the modification data; and

wherein, in response to a click of a transfer button provided on the page, the modification data entered in the page is transferred to the public web server.

8. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 4, wherein the public web server is connected to the managed parties through the Internet;

wherein the progress input means includes a page for entering the progress data; and

wherein, in response to a click of a transfer button provided on the page, the progress data entered in the page is transferred to the public web server.

9. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 4, wherein the internal server is further configured to display progress representative of the progress data in a hierarchical format.

10. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 4, wherein the internal server is further configured to compare the progress data with

the schedule, to assign a mark to the progress data in accordance with the comparison result, and to display the progress by the mark.

11. (Previously Amended) The schedule management system of claim 9, wherein the internal server is further configured to provide a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the screen where the progress of the schedule is displayed.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, ~~in which each of the managed parties may~~ performed using an enabling means provided on the public web server, the method comprising the enabling means enabling the managed parties to submit the schedule modification data;

~~at the managing party, receiving modification data submitted by one or more of the managed parties; and~~

~~modifying the schedule stored in the schedule table with the received modification data.~~

14. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the transfer to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to completion of the modification of the schedule.

15. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein each of the managed parties may submit progress data;

at the public web server, receiving progress data submitted by one or more of the managed parties;

at the internal server, receiving the progress data from the public web server;

recording the received progress data in the schedule stored in the schedule table; and

transferring the schedule in which the progress data is recorded to the common schedule table.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the transfer to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to recordation of the progress data.

17. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the managed parties connect to the common schedule table through the Internet.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising displaying progress representative of the progress data in a hierarchical format.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising comparing the progress data with the schedule;

assigning a mark to the progress data in accordance with the comparison result; and

displaying the progress by the mark.

20. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising providing a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the display of progress.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 19 comprising providing a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the display of progress.

22.-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A schedule management system including an internal server for a managing party and a public web server accessible by one or more managed parties, the internal server and the public web server being connected via a first network, the public web server and managed parties being connected via a second network ~~public web server~~, the system comprising:

a schedule table provided on the internal server, the schedule table storing a schedule created by the managing party;

a common schedule table provided on the public web server, the common schedule table storing the schedule transferred from the internal server via the first network ~~so that the managed parties refer to the schedule; and~~

enabling means provided on the public web server for enabling the managed parties to refer to the schedule stored in the common schedule table via the second network;

receiving means provided on the public web server, the receiving means receiving modification data addressed to the public web server from one or more of the managed parties via the second network;

an input database provided on the public web server for storing the modification data; and

extracting means provided on the public web server for extracting from the input database the modification data for transfer thereof to the internal server via the first network;

wherein the internal server is configured to:

receive the modification data from the public web server;

modify the schedule stored in the schedule table with the modification data; and

transfer the modified schedule to the common schedule table,

wherein the internal server is further configured to reject data addressed to the internal server ~~a direct access~~ from the managed parties.

28. (Currently Amended) In a system including an internal server for a managing party and a public web server accessible by one or more managed parties, the internal server and the public web server connected via a first network, the public web server and the managed parties connected via a second network, a public web server provided on the network, a method for managing a schedule between the managing party and the one or more managed parties, comprising:

storing a schedule created by the managing party in a schedule table provided in the internal server;

storing the schedule transferred from the internal server via the first network
in a common schedule table provided in the public web server ~~so that the managed~~
~~parties refer to the schedule;~~

enabling the managed parties to refer to the schedule stored in the common
schedule table via the second network;

receiving at the public web server modification data addressed to the public
web server from one or more of the managed parties via the second network;

storing the modification data in an input database provided in the public web
server;

extracting from the input database the modification data for transfer thereof
to the internal server via the first network;

receiving at the internal server the modification data from the public web
server;

modifying the schedule stored in the schedule table; and

transferring the modified schedule to the common schedule table,

wherein the internal server is configured to reject data addressed to the
internal server ~~a direct access~~ from the managed parties.